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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MEXICO CITY--WREATH-LAYING  
SCENARIO

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0910--SECRETARY VANCE AND AMBASSADOR LUCEY DEPART RESI-  
DENCE IN AMBASSADOR'S AUTOMOBILE, FOLLOWED BY OTHER MEM-  
BERS OF U.S. PARTY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE VEHICLES.

0925--SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR ARRIVE AT WEST SIDE OF  
MONUMENT OF INDEPENDENCE ON PASEO DE LA REFORMA AND ARE  
GREETED BY PROTOCOL CHIEF GALAN AND PROBABLY AMBAS-  
SADOR MARGAIN FOR WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY. (OTHER MEMBERS  
OF SECRETARY'S PARTY PROCEED TO MAIN FLOOR OF EMBASSY,  
WHERE THEY WILL BE GREETED BY MINISTER HERBERT B.  
THOMPSON.)

0930--DESCRIPTION OF WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY:

(A) PARTICIPANTS IN CEREMONY LINE UP IN FOLLOWING ORDER  
LEFT TO RIGHT AT FOOT OF STAIRS FACING MONUMENT: GALAN,  
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VANCE, MARGAIN AND LUCEY. STATIONED TO THE RIGHT AT TOP  
OF STAIRS ARE TWO MARINE GUARDS WITH WREATH.

(B) CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS SLOWLY ASCEND THE TWO FLIGHTS  
OF STAIRS. AS THEY ARRIVE AT THE TOP, THE MARINES PLACE  
WREATH IN CENTER AT BASE OF MONUMENT. (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
AT (B) AND (C).)

(C) PARTICIPANTS OBSERVE ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE. THEY THEN TURN ABOUT WITH VANCE AND GALAN MOVING TO RIGHT SIDE OF THE WREATH AND LUCEY AND MARGAIN TO THE LEFT SIDE FACING WEST ON REFORMA.

(D) AMBASSADOR GALAN THEN CONDUCTS SECRETARY VANCE TO BOOK OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SET UP ON THEIR RIGHT.

(E) FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF VISITORS' BOOK THE FOUR PRINCIPALS ASSUME THEIR LEFT-TO-RIGHT POSITIONS AND DESCEND THE MONUMENT STAIRS AND TAKE LEAVE OF THEIR MEXICAN HOSTS.

0938--RETURN TO CAR. AMBASSADOR LUCEY ESCORTS SECRETARY VANCE TO EMBASSY BASEMENT. THEY ARE MET AT ELEVATOR ON MAIN FLOOR BY MINISTER THOMPSON.

0940--SECRETARY MEETS WITH EMBASSY STAFF (SCENARIO TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL). LUCEY

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